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On February 26, the Italian steamship *Sicilia*, bound with cargo via Messina for New Orleans, La.

On February 27, the steamship *California*, of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed, 1,149 steerage passengers and 44 pieces of large and 1,157 pieces of small baggage. Two hundred and eight pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Reports from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, February 25, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended February 23: From yellow fever and smallpox there were no deaths, only 2 cases being reported from yellow fever and none from smallpox. There were 29 deaths from all causes.

Respectfully,

S. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NETHERLANDS.

Quarantine against Cape Town, Africa, on account of plague.

AMSTERDAM, February 16, 1901.

SIR: The minister of foreign affairs of the Netherlands has declared Cape Town to be infected with pest, and has fixed the quarantine, in accordance with article 8 of the law of March 28, 1877, at ten days.

Respectfully,

FRANK D. HILL,
United States Consul.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Plague and smallpox.

MANILA, P. I., January 17, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 1 fatal case of plague, in a Filipino, occurred in Manila during the week ended January 12, 1901. During the same period there were 4 cases of smallpox, with no deaths reported. The total number of deaths from all causes during the week was 180.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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